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Success Story

PROPULSION SCIENTIST AWARDED TECHNOLOGY HONORS



Major Mona D. Wheeler, the assistant chief scientist for the Propulsion Directorate's Space and Missile Propulsion Division at Edwards Air Force Base, California, was named a top award winner at the third annual Women of Color Research Sciences and Technology Awards Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference celebrates the often unheralded contributions of minority women in science and technology.



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Accomplishment

Maj Wheeler received the Emerald Honor for Professional Achievement at the conference. She was honored for her work as a project manager, chemist, and laboratory chief.

Maj Wheeler, a 1991 Air Force Academy graduate, assists senior Air Force leadership with the management of space and missile propulsion programs. She also facilitates the interactions between the laboratory and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the National Research Council. Her duties include math, science, and engineering outreach and the management of the directorate's cooperative education student programs.

Background

The technology award is sponsored by Career Communications Group, Inc. (CCG), the largest minority-owned media services company of its kind in the nation. The conference was designed to provide role models for professional women and college students.

CCG's mission is to promote significant minority achievement in engineering, science, and technology. CCG is the publisher of *US Black Engineer and Information Technology* magazine, *Hispanic Engineer and Information Technology* magazine and *Women of Color Conference* magazine. Wheeler's honor culminated a year long nationwide search to identify and honor exceptional women technologists who highlighted the achievements of professional Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, and black women technologists.

Propulsion
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